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### **Patrons of a Charlotte Papa John's Restaurant Possibly Exposed to Hepatitis A – Post-Exposure Prophylaxis Recommended**

#### **Summary**

This is a Health Alert Advisory from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. Patrons of Papa John's located at 8016 Cambridge Commons Drive in Charlotte, NC, who ate food at this restaurant from March 24-April 7 may have been exposed to the Hepatitis A virus (HAV).

If you see a patient that:

- (1) Ate at this Papa John's location, from March 28-April 7, please call DHEC at 888-847-0902 for information on how to obtain vaccine or immune globulin.
- (2) Ate at this Papa John's location from March 24 to March 27, they are outside of the time period when PEP is recommended. Please advise the patient about hepatitis symptoms (nausea, vomiting and jaundice) and appropriate infection control measures (hand washing, not sharing dishes, etc).

#### **Guidance to Clinicians**

For persons presenting to your practice who were patrons of the above restaurant:

- **Post-Exposure Prophylaxis is recommended.**

Persons who have had hepatitis A infection, or who have received one dose of hepatitis A vaccine, are protected from the virus and are not recommended for PEP.

Persons who report eating at the above-named restaurant within the past 14 days but prior to April 8 and who are not protected against Hepatitis A virus, should receive either:

- Hepatitis A vaccine, if 12 months through 40 years of age; or
- Hepatitis A immune globulin (IG), if chronically ill or over 40 years of age.

Please contact DHEC at 1-888-847-0902 if you have any questions about this advisory.

#### **Follow-up/Counseling**

- For more information on HAV testing, diagnosis, and vaccination please refer to <http://www.cdc.gov/std/treatment/2010/vaccine.htm#a1>

- Exposed persons should practice good hand washing technique.
- HAV infection can be asymptomatic.
- Report any suspected cases of Hepatitis A to SC DHEC, using the numbers provided in this health advisory.

## **DHEC contact information for reportable diseases and reporting requirements**

Reporting of Hepatitis A is consistent with South Carolina Law requiring the reporting of diseases and conditions to your state or local public health department. (State Law # 44-29-10 and Regulation # 61-20) as per the DHEC 2014 List of Reportable Conditions available at:

<http://www.scdhec.gov/health/disease/reportables.htm>

Federal HIPAA legislation allows disclosure of protected health information, without consent of the individual, to public health authorities to collect and receive such information for the purpose of preventing or controlling disease. (HIPAA 45 CFR §164.512).

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